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JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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STATEMENT ON JULY 17 JOINT COMMUNIQUE. QUOTE: THE DECLARATIONS

MADE BY PLO SOURCES AGAINST THE JORDANIAN-EGYPTIAN JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED IN ALEXANDRIA ON JULY 17 CONSTITUTE A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ACHIEVEMENTS ACCOMPLISHED BY THAT MEETING FOR THE SAKE OF JOINT ARAB ACTION AND COORDINATION. THE JORDANIAN-EGYPTIAN JOINT STATEMENT DEFINED RESPONSIBILITIES AND ASSIGNED ROLES FOR THE SAKE OF UNIFIED ACTION BY THE CONFRONTATION STATES IN THE UPCOMING PHASE, WHICH AIMS AT SECURING FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS. THE STATEMENT AFFIRMED THAT THE REALIZATION OF THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS A NECESSARY PREREQUISITE FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST PEACE IN THE AREA. THE STATEMENT ALSO REFERRED TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PLO AND ITS ROLE WITH THE CONFRONTATION STATES IN THE MUTUAL EFFORT. THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE SUBJECT WHICH MERITS PRIMARY CONCERN IS NOT THE ARGUMENT ABOUT THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, BUT RATHER HOW TO RECOVER THE OCCUPIED LANDS FROM THE GRIP OF OCCUPATION AND TO SECURE COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THEM. THE PLO IS URGED TO MEET WITH THE CONFRONTATION STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION, PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND UNIFICATION OF EFFORTS. IF THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED THE VIEWS OF SISTERLY ARAB GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONING FOR A SHORT TIME THE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE THIS HAS BEEN DONE ONLY IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE EFFORTS ALREADY EXERTED, OR TO EXAMINE THEM IN THE LIGHT OF FUTURE POSSIBILITIES. IT IS REGRETTABLE INDEED THAT THE BENEVOLENT GOALS ASPIRED FOR IN THE JOINT JORDANIAN-EGYPTIAN STATEMENT HAVE BEEN USED BY THE PLO SPOKESMAN AS A PRETEXT FOR ACCUSATION, ESTRANGEMENT, AND CREATING CONFUSION. WE PRAY GOD THAT HE WILL GUIDE US ON THE STRAIGHT ROAD. END QUOTE. PICKERING

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